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Note verbale dated 22 March 2007 from the Office of the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to draw your attention to the attached letter from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly concerning the budgetary situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (see annex).

Given the current situation of the Institute, I would be extremely grateful if you would consider referring this matter to the members of the Fifth Committee for appropriate action.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 22 March 2007 from the Office of the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

[Original: Spanish]

Letter dated 1 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to the letter sent to you on 8 November 2006 by the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Spain informing you of the work of the resumed third session of the Executive Board of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), held on 2 November 2006, and transmitting the Board's request for the documents that were attached to be circulated during the current session of the General Assembly.

Allow me to point out in this regard that as of today's date the Board's request for the above-mentioned documents to be made available in the official languages as documents of the General Assembly has not yet been met.

Furthermore, at its third session, held on 18 May 2006, the Executive Board of INSTRAW adopted a decision regarding the Institute's workplan and operational budget for 2007, in which it decided to endorse the workplan and operational budget for 2007.

That budget is the result of the mandate set out in General Assembly resolution 60/229 of 23 December 2005, in which the Assembly decided to provide its full support to the current efforts to revitalize the Institute and, to this end, to provide it with the requisite funds to enable it to carry out its core functions for the biennium 2006-2007, and requested the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session on the implementation of the resolution.

For its part, the Economic and Social Council, at its 42nd plenary meeting, took note of the report of the Executive Board (E/2006/80) in its decision 2006/250, of 27 July 2006.

In view of the foregoing, I wish to request in my capacity as President of the Executive Board of INSTRAW that you take the necessary steps to ensure the implementation of the budgetary provisions contained in resolution 60/229 in order to make concrete the support which the General Assembly decided in that resolution to provide to INSTRAW for the biennium 2006-2007.

(*Signed*) Juan Antonio **Yáñez-Barnuevo**